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SUBJECT:IMMUNITIES AND BENEFITS FOR CONSULAR AGENTS IN U.S.

1. THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS (VCCR) PROVIDES THE BASIS ON WHICH OUR GOVERNMENT EXTENDS PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND OTHER BENEFITS TO CONSULAR AGENTS AND HONORARY CONSULS IN THE UNITED STATES UNLESS A BILATERAL TREATY ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND A FOREIGN COUNTRY. THE U.S. HAS MADE NO SUCH BILATERAL TREATY WITH MALDIVES.

2. WERE MALDIVES TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR AGENCY IN THE U.S. UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF OUR AGENCY IN MALE, WE WOULD EXTEND IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES ON THE BASIS OF THE SECTION OF THE VCCR PERTAINING TO HONORARY CONSULAR OFFICERS (CHAPTER III, ART. 58-68).

3. THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF HONORARY CONSULAR AGENTS ARE LIMITED AND DO NOT EXTEND TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF AN OFFICER. SOME OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE VCCR ARE:
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(A) THE RECEIVING STATE MUST PROTECT THE CONSULAR PREMISES.

(B) CONSULAR ARCHIVES AND DOCUMENTS SHALL BE INVIOABLE AT ALL TIMES.

(C) CONSULAR PREMISES ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

(D) OFFICE SUPPLIES (FLAGS, STATIONARY, FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT ETC.) ARE EXEMPT FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES. (LIQUOR WOULD NOT BE EXEMPT FROM THE MALDIVIAN BAN).

(E) IF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ARE INSTITUTED AGAINST AN HONORARY CONSULAR OFFICER, HE MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

(F) HONORARY CONSULAR AUTHORITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXES ON INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE SENDING STATE IN RESPECT TO THE EXERCISE OF CONSULAR FUNCTION.

4. A COPY OF THE VCCR IS BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY. VANCE

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